

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3478

To prohibit the closure or relocation of the field office of the Farm Service Agency in Clark County, Indiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION**
4 **OF FARM SERVICE AGENCY FIELD OFFICE IN**
5 **CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) Clark County, Indiana, contains 638 sepa-
9 rate farms, which together generate annual farm in-
10 come of approximately \$32,000,000.

1 (2) These 638 farms encompass 72,000 acres of
2 cropland, 20,000 acres of pastureland, and 17,000
3 acres of woodland.

4 (3) If the field office of the Farm Service Agen-
5 cy in Clark County is closed, as proposed by the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture, some Clark County farmers
7 would have to travel more than an hour to the near-
8 est FSA office, expending time and fuel on unneces-
9 sary travel.

10 (4) Clark County farmers have fewer options to
11 travel to other FSA offices because the Ohio River
12 forms one of the borders of the County.

13 (b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Agriculture
14 may not close or relocate the field office of the Farm Serv-
15 ice Agency in Clark County, Indiana, until at least two
16 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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